

1. A method for making a treadmill having a frameless treadbase, the treadmill having a front support member and a rear support member, the treadmill also having an arched deck, the arched deck having a first end, a second end, and an intermediate portion between the first end and the second end, wherein the method comprises the acts of:

forming the arched deck such that, when placed on a horizontal axis, the first end and second end of the arched deck are positioned below the intermediate portion of the arched deck; and

mounting the first end of the arched deck to the front support member and mounting the second end of the arched deck to the rear support member.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the act of maintaining the front support member independent from the rear support member.

3. A method for making a treadmill having a frameless treadbase configured to enable a user to ambulate on the treadbase, the method comprising:

forming a deck;

connecting said deck to a front support and a rear support such that the front support is independent of the rear support; and

positioning an endless belt on said front and rear support such that the endless belt can rotate around said deck.

4. A method as recited in claim 3, wherein forming a deck comprises forming an arched deck such that the arched deck independently maintains a convex arch.